



St. Paul's on-the-Hill

Sunday February 2nd, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

Children leave for Sunday School during Opening Hymn.

Processional: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty CP 384**

Call to Worship

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also, with you.

Collect of the Day *(together)*

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We Hear God's Word

God invites us to hear His word.

First Reading: Psalm 84

Reader: Dave Hamilton

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Reader: Samaya Chinniah

Sermon: Canon Kim Beard

Choir Anthem: **Total Praise**

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: David Karram

Confession and Absolution

God invites us to confess our sins.

The Peace of Christ

God calls us to renewed relationship with others.

Offertory: We are Your Church (90th Anniversary Song)

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer and anointing are available every Sunday in the lobby during communion.

Eucharistic Kenyan Rite

The Lord's Prayer *(Sung)*

We have come together, the people of God drawn by His Spirit, longing for His word to praise the Holy name of the Lord to share His glorious news of grace to pray for our needs and the pain of the world to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

Priest: Is the Father with us?

All: He is!

Priest: Is Christ among us?

All: He is!

Priest: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is!

Priest: This is our God!

All: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Priest: We are His people!

All: We are His people!

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Communion Hymns:

1. Table of Grace
2. Oh, Come to the Altar
3. Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness)
4. Lord, I Need you

Prayer after Communion:

Priest: Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing to live and witness for You in the power of Your Spirit through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead.

All: Amen.

Closing Blessing

God sends us into the world, under His blessing.

Priest: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Priest: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ.

The Blessing

Recessional: **My Redeemer Lives**

8 am Service Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Opening hymn **Stand up & Bless the Lord CP 350**

Offertory **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing CP 306**

Recessional hymn **Praise, I will Praise you, Lord CP 340**

Readers:

1st Reader: *Pauline Thomas*

2nd Reader: *Jacob Ladipo*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Book Study Series – Six Weeks

- **Tuesday evenings on Zoom:** March 4 to April 8, 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm
- **Wednesday afternoons in-person at the church:** March 5 to April 9, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

What: Join us in studying Rowan Williams' (former Archbishop of Canterbury) book, *Being Disciples – Essentials of the Christian Life*. All are invited! **We require a minimum of 10 participants for both Zoom and in-person sessions.**

RSVP: Amaka in the church office on 905.839.7909 or amakao@stpaulsonthehill.com. This six-week series will be led by Canon Stephanie, Canon Judy, Rev. Doug, and Mabel. Don't miss this opportunity to grow deeper in your faith this Lent!

Tax Receipts Available

Tax receipts are ready for pick-up. Kindly collect yours from the narthex to help us save on mailing costs as postal rates have increased. Thank you for your support!

Mark Your Calendars: February 9th – New Staff!

We are thrilled to announce that **next Sunday, February 9th**, we will welcome Mabel Leung as she begins her role as Lay Pastoral Associate in Family and Welcoming Ministries.

Let's give Mabel a warm St. Paul's welcome! There will be an introduction and presentation at the start of the service, followed by a cake and refreshment meet-and-greet in the parish hall. Don't miss it!

Youth Friendly Reminder

There will be Youth Sunday School on **February 9th & 23rd**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Vestry Meeting

Mark your calendars! Our Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd, immediately after the service**. This is an important time for us to reflect on the past year and plan for the year ahead.

A light lunch will be provided following the meeting, so please plan to stay and participate. We look forward to seeing you there!

Office Closure

Please note that the office will be closed on **February 18th**. The office will reopen on **February 19th**.

St. Paul's on-the-Hill Community Food Bank.

In 1990 the Food Bank opened its doors to serve people in the Pickering and Ajax area. At the time it was considered to be a temporary measure, but the number of families experiencing food insecurity has grown exponentially. In 2024 the Food Bank handled 10,330 client visits, helping to feed a total of 35,440 people. Thank you for your help. When shopping please consider donating some of the most needed items: pancake mix and syrup, juices, dry beans and cookies. www.stpaulsonthehillfoodbank.ca.

AWARE 2025 Women's Retreat

Join us **May 2–4, 2025**, for a weekend of spiritual refreshment & growth at **Elim Lodge** on beautiful Pigeon Lake! This year's theme is "**30 Years of Shining His Light**," featuring speaker **Robynn Bliss**, a certified Spiritual Director with a powerful story of faith and renewal.

The retreat includes: Inspiring workshops, Small group discussions, Worshipful music, Fellowship & fun. Two nights' accommodation, five meals, and brunch

Cost: \$380.00 (Early Bird: \$360.00 if paid by February 28, 2025). Bursaries are available – apply by **March 15**.

For more info visit www.awarepeterborough.com.

St. Paul's on-the-Hill 100th Anniversary: photos!

If you would like to share photos or memories to be featured over the next year or even your favourite hymn that you'd like to hear in 2025, please email them to 100@stpaulsonthehill.com.

Mark your Calendars!

Parish Lenten Retreat on Prayer with Dr. Wanda Malcolm – March 1st. Back by popular demand! Join us for an affordable, all-day retreat right here at St. Paul's, with Dr. Wanda Malcolm. Sign-up sheets in the narthex.

Congratulations to Rev. Matthew Watermann!

Matthew, our former youth pastor, is doing his curacy at St. James Cathedral. He will be priested there on Sunday, February 2nd at 4:30 pm, with reception to follow. It will also be livestreamed (see the cathedral website).